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US Military Chiefs Oppose Rearmament Of Germany

REIMANN'S ALLEGATION

Paris, Nov. 27.—General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff, said on arrival here today from Frankfurt, "We do not favour rearmament of Germany at this time."

General Bradley, who is also Chairman of the North Atlantic Pact Military Committee, was asked if the United States would favour the rearmament of Germany at a later stage.

He replied, "That all depends on circumstances and will have to be settled by the Atlantic Pact countries themselves."

General Bradley is in Paris for meetings of the North Atlantic Pact nations. The Military Committee of the treaty Powers will meet on Tuesday.

Asked if definite integration was likely to be accomplished at this meeting, the General said: "I think you can say we will have the plan well started. I think some definite steps will be taken."

The General added that the forthcoming meetings were the continuation of talks held two months ago.

The Chiefs of Staff would discuss "Atlantic Pact problems," he said.

He did not plan to have any talks tonight. He will meet representatives of France and Britain—members of the Standing Group under the treaty—tomorrow afternoon.

On Tuesday General Bradley will preside over the Chiefs of Staff of the 12 nations. Britain will be represented by Lord Fraser, First Sea Lord, and France by General Charles Leclercq, Chief of the Air Staff.

The Defence Ministers of the 12 nations will meet on Thursday.

General Bradley was accompanied today by Lieutenant General Willis D. Crittenden, Rear-Admiral James H. Fossitt, three other senior officers and two aides.

They were met by Brigadier General Joseph O'Hare, American Military Attaché, and Mr. Charles Bohlen, United States Minister in Paris.—Reuter.

COMMUNIST'S STORY

Liverpool, Nov. 27.—Max Reimann, West German Communist leader, declared here today that "German Staff officers support an American plan to raise 25 divisions of German soldiers."

Heir Reimann, speaking at the British Communist Party's Congress in Liverpool, produced photographs which, he said, showed meetings of German ex-patriots and an invitation to a recruiting meeting.

"A very serious situation exists in West Germany," he said.

"By their recent moves American Imperialists have been able to take a step forward in preparing for a war against the people of the Soviet as well as against the democratic people in Western Europe," Heir Reimann continued.

"By the Ruhr Statute West Germany has sunk to the status of a colony. This situation has placed before the German people the struggle for independence and the need for the inclusion of all Germany in the German Democratic Republic."

A CHALLENGE

"What is now taking place in Western Germany is a challenge to the peace-loving peoples of the whole world."

During today's meeting the Congress unanimously adopted a resolution proposing "fraternal greetings to the Communists of Yugoslavia who, despite unyielding methods of the American employed against them, remain faithful to the principles of Marxism, Leninism and striving to end the domination of the present Tito regime of agents of American imperialism and bring back Yugoslavia to the road of socialism and friendly association with the People's Democracies and Soviet Russia."

Delegates from France, Spain, Czechoslovakia and Denmark attended today.—Reuter.

He Shows His Medal



This picture, taken outside Buckingham Palace shows Chief Petty Officer H. W. Robinson, G. M. of HMS Consort, and one of the Yangtze heroes, displaying his medal to his two admiring children, Rosemary, aged 9, and Jeanette, aged 4. CPO Robinson comes from Plymouth.

SHIP RUNS AGROUND

Stockholm, November 27.—The 3,881-ton British freighter, Britkon, ran aground in choppy seas off the southern Swedish coast and was believed to have sunk.

The pilot station at Oskarshamn said the last radio message received from the Britkon at 9 p.m. said "abandoning ship."

The ship's owners, Carlborn Shipping Company of Hull, England, said it was carrying a crew of 38. That pilot station said that shortly after the message was received the lights of the ship went out indicating that it probably was sinking.—United Press.

Wedding Reception, But No Bride

Paris, Nov. 27.—Two hundred fifty guests sat down to a wedding breakfast prepared for 600 at the Chateau de Malmaison, at Planchet, Brittany. But there was no bride. She had changed her mind about marrying Baron Pierre-Jean de Laetere at the last minute. The Baron sat down at the head of the table and told the guests: "The wedding feast is ready. Do me the honour of enjoying it."—Reuter.

Why H.K.—Kunming Planes Are Grounded

Because the Chinese Air Force are, apparently, no longer recognising Kunming as an international airport, the Hongkong authorities are not permitting planes to leave here for Kunming.

The Telegraph learned this officially this morning.

The Chinese Air Force have detained three Hongkong planes in Kunming, two owned by Cathay Pacific Airways and a third chartered by Hongkong Airways.

When they failed to arrive here according to schedule yesterday, the Hongkong authorities refused to issue permits for aircraft to leave Kai Tak for Kunming.

The order will not be revoked until the Hongkong Government is satisfied that Kunming is once again functioning as an international airport.

An official of CPA said this morning they have one plane scheduled to leave for Kunming today, but that it could not depart without permission from the authorities.

Advance On Chungking

San Francisco, Nov. 27.—The New China News Agency tonight reported that Communist forces advancing from the north of Chungking, Nationalist capital, had captured Shihohu, 94 miles north-east of the city.

Two divisions of Nationalist troops had been killed, wounded or captured in this area. Communist forces were approaching Chungking from the East and had captured 2,300 Nationalist troops and routed part of three Nationalist divisions. It was claimed.

In Szechwan Province, further south, Communists driving westward from the Provincial capital of Kweichow towards the Yunnan Provincial capital of Kunming had captured four county towns—Anshun, Pingba, Channing, and Fuling, the Agency said.—Reuter.

American Vice-Consul Released By Reds

ORDERED TO BE DEPORTED

Latest Version Of Angus Ward Case

Washington, Nov. 27.—Mr William Stokes, American Vice-Consul at Mukden, Manchuria, has been freed by the Chinese Communists and ordered to be deported along with all the other non-Chinese employees of the Consulate, the State Department announced today.

Consul General Angus Ward, who was freed by the Communists only last Tuesday after being convicted on an assault charge, revealed that Mr Stokes was released after being forced to attend a Communist "People's Court" which was trying an alleged "American spy ring."

Mr Ward said no Americans and no Consular employees were involved in the trial. The accused were all Chinese, Japanese or Koreans. But all were sentenced, he added, after the final hearing which Mr Stokes was compelled to attend as an "observer." A mass deportation order followed immediately.

The State Department spokesman, Michael McDermott, quoted Mr Ward as saying that the order affected eight other Americans and two Europeans in addition to himself and Mr Stokes.

Mr Ward said no date has been set for their departure. He did not say whether he and his staff had been granted exit visas or whether travel arrangements had been made for them. Mr Ward's report on Mr Stokes' arrest came over the 26-year-old Staten Island, N.Y., official's welfare. Previous information which had caused the State Department to lodge a sharp protest with the Communists was that Mr Stokes had been arrested on a spy charge.

But Mr Ward reported today that Mr Stokes had been hauled off to the People's Court by the Chinese Communists who entered the Consulate without a warrant.

In his statement to a hurriedly summoned news conference, Mr McDermott carefully avoided the use of the term "arrest." According to the original report, Mr Stokes was "removed" from the American Consulate at 9 a.m. Saturday (China time). He was not returned to the Consulate until more than seven hours later.

It was then that Mr Ward was notified that all non-Chinese members of his staff have been ordered out of China. "TRUMPED UP"

Affected by the deportation order in addition to Mr and Mrs Ward and Mr Stokes are Vice-Consular Fred Hubbard, clerks Mary Braden, Elden Erickson, Gack Feigl, Walter Norman, Hugo Picard and Ralph Rehberg, and mechanic Shuro Tatsumi. Tatsumi's wife and four children are in Mukden. Tatsumi, a Japanese American, was one of the four Consular employees convicted along with Mr Ward on what the State Department has called "trumped up" charges that they beat a Chinese worker who demanded back pay.

Others convicted were Rehberg and two European members of the staff, Alfred Kristian and Frank Clegonia.

When it first was reported that Mr Stokes has been arrested, the State Department ordered U. S. Consul General Mr Edmund Clubb, at Peking, to file a "vicious protest."

A Department source said today it was "just a possibility" that Mr Stokes was released before Mr Clubb could act. The disclosure that Mr Stokes had not actually been gaoled was expected to quell some of the Congressional criticism that exploded after Mr Ward's arrest.—United Press.

MP's Views On H.K.

Luton, Bedfordshire, Nov. 27.—A Labour Member of Parliament, Mr W. N. Warbey, told his constituents here today: "My view is that if it came to a war Hongkong would be no use at all. If China is friendly you do not need that island and, on the other hand, if they are enemies, you cannot defend it."

He said that Britain should reduce her overseas commitments. In his personal view, he said, Britain ought to make substantial reductions—perhaps in the order of £200 million in her £1,800 million defence expenditure.—Reuter.

UN Defeat For Chinese Nationalists Expected

U.S. ATTITUDE

Lake Success, Nov. 27.—The United States will take the floor in the Russian-boycotted United Nations debate on China on Monday and it was understood that it will introduce a proposal giving only lukewarm support to the Nationalist cause against Russia.

The American Ambassador-at-large, Dr Philip Jessup, special adviser on Far East policy, will outline the United States position on China's anti-Kremlin charges before the General Assembly's main Political Committee.

The decision to introduce the American proposal was all but final. It was understood that the resolution will give only token support to the Nationalists by adopting the mildest portion of China's own proposal. It merely will call on members to refrain from using the China crisis for any move incompatible with that country's political independence or territorial integrity.

PROPOSAL DOOMED

The much stronger Nationalist proposal calls for condemnation of alleged Soviet aid to the Chinese Communists and asks members to withhold diplomatic recognition from the Communist regime. The Chinese proposal was considered doomed to defeat.

There is considerable doubt whether even the cautious American draft will get majority support from the United Nations members, many of whom are planning soon to recognize the Communist government of Mao Tse-tung.

However, the overwhelming consensus at the United Nations is that the world organisation can do absolutely nothing to retard or slow down the deteriorating situation in China. Dr Jessup, in his speech on Monday, was expected to report the Nationalist contention that Russia is guilty of stripping Manchuria. But Dr Jessup was expected to dodge the charges about Russia's role in the Communist victory.—United Press.

JAP JUVENILE DELINQUENTS

Tokyo, Nov. 27.—Gangs of juvenile delinquents are once again becoming active and, according to the latest announcement by the National Rural Police Headquarters, 675 groups have been formed again. Most of these groups are small, with membership ranging from five to nine. They are generally based by adults, often with police records.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Russia And China

WHETHER or not the United Nations Political Committee agrees with the Nationalist China's delegation that Russia has been guilty of violating the letter and spirit of the United Nations Charter and of deliberately fostering the civil war in China by active support of the Communists, Moscow can be expected to remain unperturbed. It is no new experience for the Soviets to find most of world opinion crystallised against them in UN debates, and the Kremlin, in any event, will regard the current discussions as being merely academic. Which, indeed they are. Undoubtedly there is much truth in Dr T. T. Tsiang's allegations of Soviet intrigue in Manchuria; many of the accusations have been levelled before from other quarters and the Soviets have previously made only half-hearted attempts to deny their validity. To the more specific charges that the Russians have afforded direct and active assistance to the Chinese Communists in their struggle with the Nationalists, Mr Vyshinsky is totally indifferent. To him, Dr Tsiang and his colleagues no longer enjoy any status, and he pleads therefore that as they have no right to try to put a case, he has no case to answer. And while the Political Committee of the United Nations will refuse to subscribe to any such interpretation of the present position of the Nationalist delegation, it may also display diffidence in openly branding Russia as a violator of the Charter. The difficulty which confronts the Committee is to assess precisely and realistically the status of the Nationalists in their own country: are they, today,

the real spokesmen for the people of China? So far as UN is concerned it would appear that China does not possess at the moment anyone who can be regarded as the people's genuine representatives. The Nationalists, as a political administration, have virtually ceased to exist, and the Kuomintang, as a political party, now has relatively few adherents. The Communists have achieved prodigious military victories, have established provincial administrations of yet unknown quality, and have won a certain amount of confidence from the population, particularly among the peasants. It is, therefore, undeniable that they are today in a better position than the Nationalists to claim that they represent the voice of the people. It is the Communists' fait accompli which is likely to embarrass the United Nations Political Committee in the discussion on whether or not Russia has played a Machiavellian role in the China civil war, for the United Nations may well find itself, in the unhappy position of condemning the Soviets one day (and by inference, therefore, the Chinese Communists) and then having to welcome the Mao Tse-tung regime almost immediately afterwards as the legal and responsible government of China. One situation makes a mockery of the other. The most likely outcome of the current deliberations at Lake Success is that Russia will be censured more inferentially than in direct terms and that the Committee will strongly reaffirm the principle of the Open Door in China. An outright Victory for Dr Tsiang and his co-delegates can hardly be expected.

Tax-Free Payments To Directors May Cause British Political Flare-Up

London, Nov. 27.—Political observers here expect a first-class political row over tax-free payments of £100,000 to two directors of British automobile manufacturing firms which some Labour Members of Parliament claim directly flouts the Government's policy of restricting personal incomes.

The reply of Mr Glenvil Hall, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, to a question about these payments in the House of Commons last week indicated that the Government was considering ways of making such payments liable to tax.

Such payments are, under a court decision of 1942, not liable to income tax.

Mr W. L. Wyatt, Labour Member for the industrial centre of Birmingham, who raised the issue in Parliament, described the payments as a "grave disservice to the workers of Birmingham because of their blatant flaunting of riches at this time of economic necessity."

The Communist Daily Worker wrote that it was "scandalous that at the moment when a more deadly wage freeze is

being imposed on the workers these devices permitting extra payment to directors should be allowed."

The Daily Herald (Labour) gave great prominence to the questions and answers in the House of Commons.

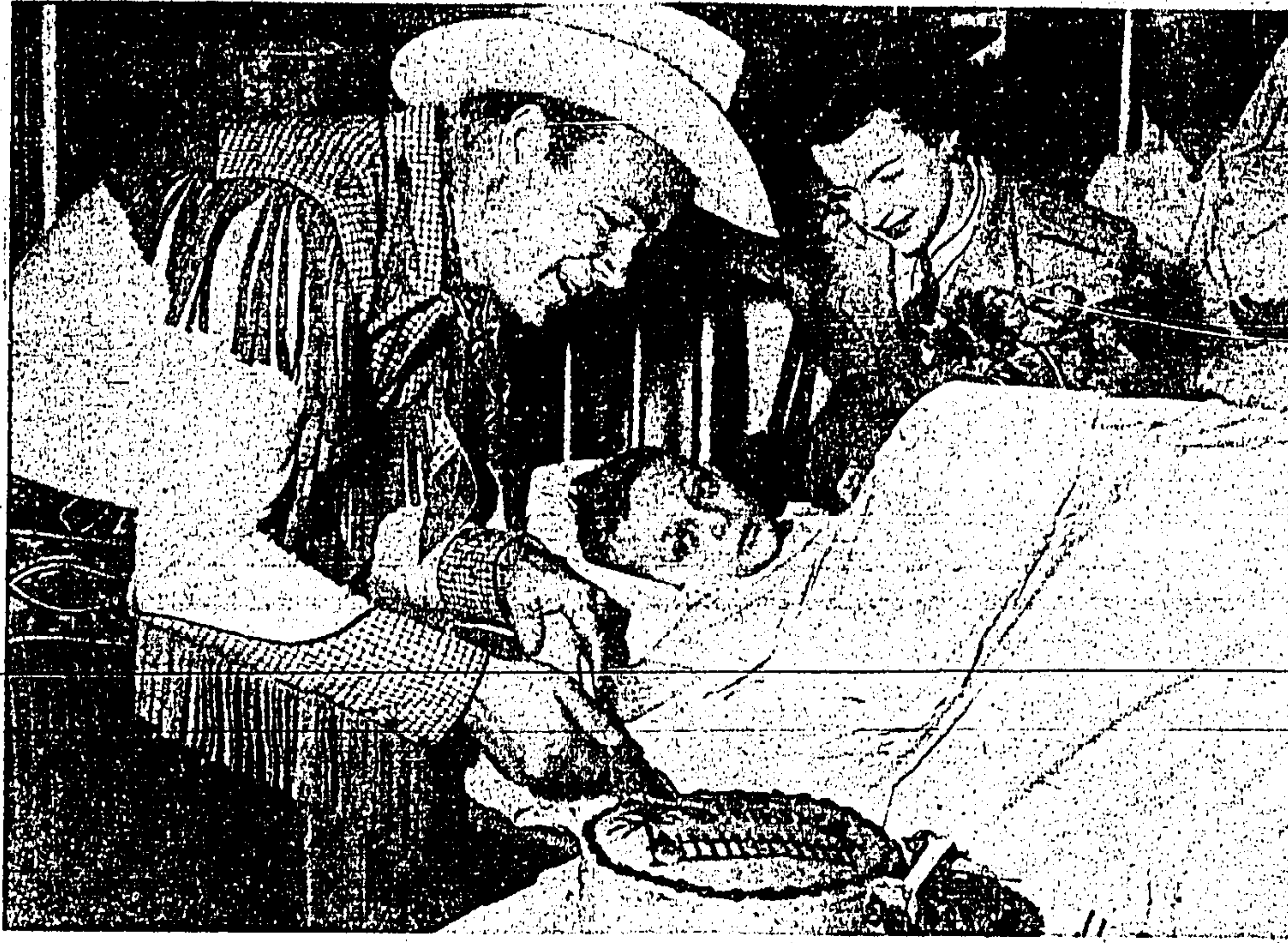
"The Independent Sunday paper, the Observer, said today that in looking into these payments, the Chancellor, of the Exchequer should 'consider the effects of penal taxation in discouraging the most able men from putting their best efforts into Britain's industrial enterprise.'"

It would be a mistake, the Observer said, to suppose that "exceptional managing ability" could be stimulated without "high rewards."—Reuter.

PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



WITH RADAR'S AID—Dr. George Klotzbaugh holds a dry raindrop in the path of a radar beam in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Made from a plastic mixture with the identical electrical behaviour of real rain, the imitation drops are aiding scientists to discover the effect of rain, sleet and snow on ultra-shortwave radar of the kind used by military aeroplanes.



SURPRISE VISIT—Cowboy star Roy Rogers gives Ronald Fedderwitz, aged nine, a patient in a New York hospital, the thrill of a life-time as he cuts the cake at a surprise birthday party for the lad. Dale Evans, Roy's wife, adds more cinema glamour to the event, which is one Ronnie will remember for a long, long time.



OBLIGING—Because their mother refused to nurse them in the Zoo at Wichita, Kansas, two leopard kittens had a wet nurse in a dog who had lost her own puppies. Zoo attendants Jesse Sullens, left, and Albert Propack lend a hand at feeding time.



"PASTEURISED"—Allen Prosser, 15, downed almost a gallon of milk to win the annual milk-drinking contest in the Los Angeles County Fair, outguzzling 30 contestants. It was a 10-minute event with "cow juice" flowing fast and furiously.



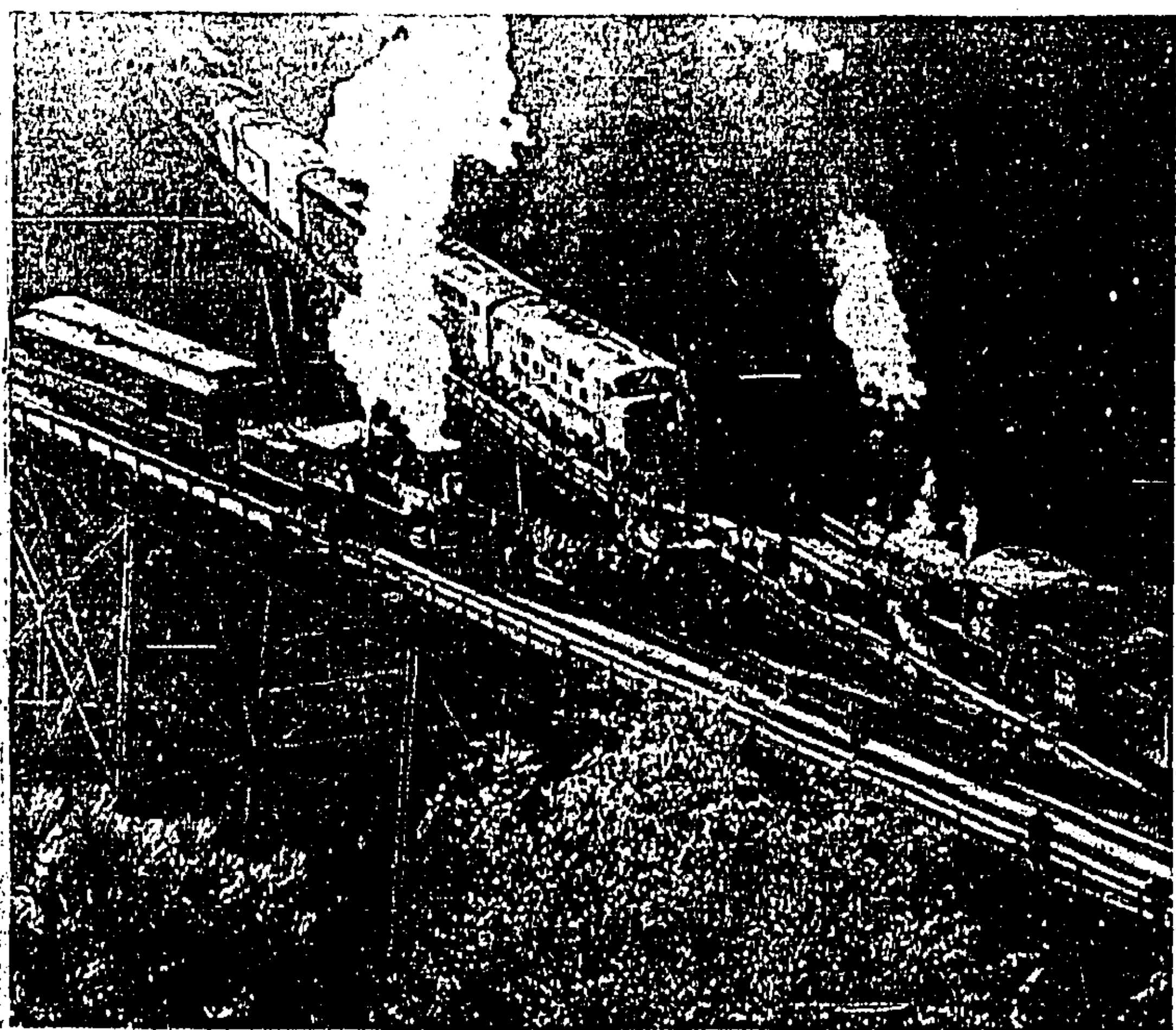
SHE GETS AROUND—Shirley May France, the unsuccessful Channel swimmer who'll try again next year, arrives in Hartford, Connecticut, for a one-show stage appearance. She made the trip from her home town of Somerset, Massachusetts, by helicopter piloted by Al Budlong.



CUBA'S LOSS—When Mary Gonzales, shown at Miami Beach, Florida, became a secretary at the Venezuelan Consulate, she won the title of "Miss Allanza," although she's a native of Cuba.



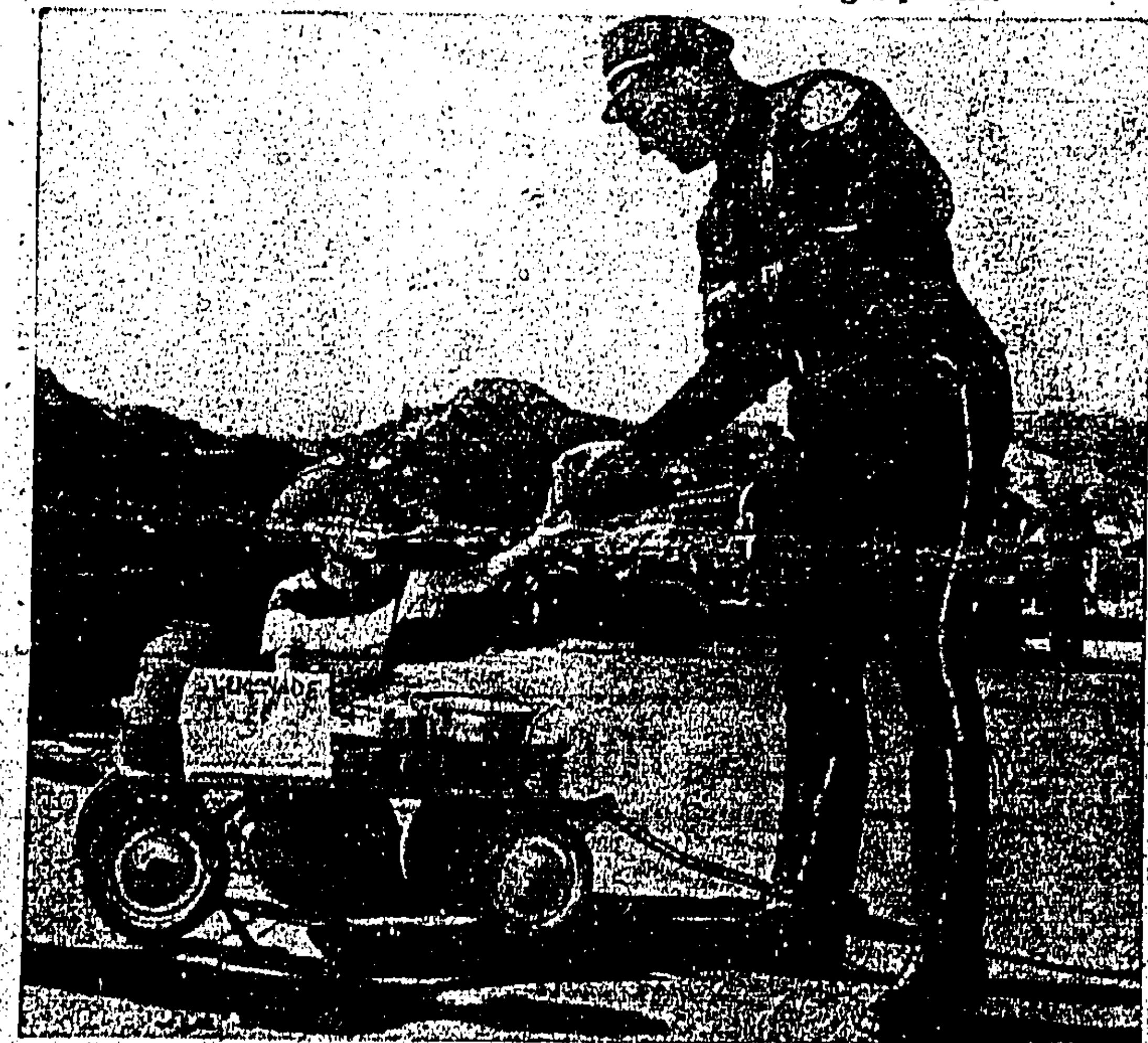
PEKE-A-BOO—Lovely British film star Jenn Kent is almost unrecognised by her three-month-old Pekingese in her Latin-American costume. They're getting re-acquainted during a break on the set where Jenn is making a picture.



OLD AND NEW GET TOGETHER—Trains of yesterday and today come together on a railway trestle near Reddie Station, in Plumas County, California, during ceremonies commemorating the driving of the final spike in the Western Pacific Railway in 1909. A ruby-studded spike was driven in the same position as the final spike to symbolise the railway's 40th anniversary. The Old 94, right, is the engine that hauled the first passenger over the line.



NEW CITIZENS—Renate Gabel looks over the educational equipment of Arthur Grabowski as both youngsters arrive in New York from Poland.



SOLID BUSINESSMAN—While flames and smoke were giving fire fighters a rough time in Santa Susana Pass, in California, Norman Parker, nine, set up business. He sold his first drink of lemonade to police officer J. R. Dunlop. It was a welcome drink for the officer who had to handle the traffic snarled by the disastrous forest fire.

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The enchantment of the Gaiety Girls

Danced in pink : She became a : Fluffy French
pyjamas : baroness : allure

EVERYBODY over the age of 60 cherishes the memory of a Gaiety Girl. Particularly those who never saw one. Do not argue with the paradox. It is the way tradition endeavours to survive.

And so enthusiastically have our parents kept this tradition alive that we, born of the doubt of this brassy half-century, have developed an unhealthy belief that the dear girl never existed.

Rise from poverty

BUT HERE comes Mr. W. Macqueen-Pope, in the nick of time, to tell us in a first-class book ("Gaiety—Theatre of Enchantment," W. H. Allen, 20s.), that she did often rise from poverty to the peerage, often had champagne drunk from her slipper, dined at Roman's and supped at Ruhl's, was born splendidly with the reign of Edward VII, and died when her fervent admirers were slaughtered in Flanders.

She was created by the wisdom and imagination of the Gaiety's greatest manager, GEORGE EDWARDS.

A well-appointed creature, generous of form and temperament, she was, half ethereal, half earthy, rumbustiousness. She reached her peak in women



Denise Orme

like GERTIE MILLAR and NELLIE FARREN.

The stage door of the Gaiety was frequently a side entrance to Burke's Peerage. Gertie Millar became Countess of Dudley. DENISE ORME became Baroness Churston. IRENE RICHARDS became Lady Drumlaurig.

One might have been a Sultana had the proposal been phrased more delicately. For when the Sultan of Zanzibar saw MADGE SAUNDERS, he promptly offered the manager a lump sum for her. And was upset when the offer was refused.

She married LESLIE HENNON instead, which was undoubtedly much more fun.

RUBY MILLER, bright star of the Orchard, had a prince (foreign inevitably) drink champagne from her slipper.

She was charmed by the compliment, but pointed out that the practice made her shoes damp.

So he sent her two dozen pairs in silk, satin and velvet. Did he drink his way through them? Mr Macqueen-Pope does not say.

Banned for good

GABY DESLYS, porcelain-blue eyes and fluffy French allure, had a regiment of admirers. One of them, with more enthusiasm than discretion, got himself banned from the Gaiety for good.

One evening in the stalls he could not subdue his love any longer, but leaped to his feet, throwing his money, watch and chain, gold cigarette case towards Gaby.

He was frog-marched from the theatre, still declaring his robust love. He got his property back, but went insane.



Gaby Deslys

The gaiety girl could sing and dance. But when GABRIELLE RAY danced in pink pyjamas nobody cared whether her strong points were her acting and singing (they were not).

From a modern point of view the Gaiety Girl had too much hair, too many clothes, but the imaginations of our fathers were not unequal to the task imposed.

Edwardes saw to it that his girls got out rates at Roman's; had special tables, in bowers of flowers, earmarked for them.

He also kept a sharp eye on the sprigs of nobility that frequented the bowers.

Her Italian 'count'

NOT ALL the girls had novelette romances, however. Some had equally novelette tragedies.

One was a star mannequin, with an Italian count for a fervent admirer. Old Jupp, the stage-door keeper, was overwhelmed with flowers for her. She arrived in a £3,000 ermine coat and glittered with jewels.

One day he did not turn up at the theatre. She had run off with the Italian count who although Italian, was no count, and no gentleman either.

She got the experience, he got the furs and jewels.

Edwardes, made furious by the girl's desertion, none the less gave her a job again.

Relays of cabs

THE GIFTS the girls received were as fabulous as the stories told about them. Gabrielle Ray once received a complete grape vine that had taken eight years to grow.

NANCY

Showing the Weigh

By Ernie Bashmiller



It's tempting to say that I told you so

Sefton Delmer's NEWSMAP

WITHOUT flying off to Paris or to Bonn I can tell you that Paris is behaving very much as predicted.

In May this column reported that Herr Ludwig Erhard, Germany's Finance Minister to be, had devised an ingenious scheme.

It was to enable Germany to get fresh American capital for the reconstruction and expansion of her heavy industries in the Ruhr, and by the same stroke to ally French suspicions and opposition to this expansion.

One of the few positive results of the recent three-Power conference in Paris is that Erhard's scheme for Western Germany is on the point of going through.

The Americans are backing it.

So are the French industrialists. Dr Erhard, who first proposed the scheme during his Washington visit this summer, made a special visit to Paris. He presented it there once more in the form of a memorandum from the German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer.

Negotiations between the financial and industrial authorities concerned are, I understand, to begin at once.

Hope of profit

BRIEFLY the Erhard plan is this. The Americans make a substantial dollar loan to French industry. The French, however, do not use these dollars in France. They use them to buy a substantial interest for the French in such potentially dangerous Ruhr enterprises as the Vereinigte steel concern.

This will give France a voice in the direction and management of those concerns and ensure that they carry out a policy in conformity with French interests. The Germans on their side will use the dollars to expand and modernise their plant.

For the Americans the dollars spend on this scheme are an excellent investment.

1. THROUGH their French associates the Americans gain an industrial foothold in European industry.

2. THEY make money. For these German industries—even today with out-of-date equipment and worn machinery—are proving highly competitive. Thanks largely to the skill and hard work of the German workers, and their willingness to live on wages lower than those paid in other industrial countries.

Once German plants are re-equipped with modern machinery they will earn big profits. Dividends will go to

America—even if, as certainly will be the case, German wages are increased.

This scheme, running true to form, is being negotiated with the exclusion of the British. We have excluded ourselves. Or, rather, our Socialist rulers have excluded us.

Messrs. Attlee and Bevin want to nationalise and socialise not only the heavy industries of Britain but those of Germany. They will have nothing to do with any scheme like this one of Dr Ludwig Erhard, for it prejudices the chances of German industries ever being nationalised. If this Franco-German industrial entente is formed without the participation of the corresponding British interests, we shall find it as dangerous economically as was the presence of Hitler's armies on the Channel military.

To me, the greatest tragedy is that an entente of this kind, which includes Britain as well as France, would form the most practical guarantee against future German aggression.

It would give us security long after the fabulous Ruhr authority has passed away.

If I had my way, far from abandoning reparations after dismantling, as Mr Bevin has done, I would take reparations from Germany in the form of a controlling share in specified German key industries.

These shares, with the managerial authority vested in them, I would sell to the interested industrial concern of Britain, France, and the U.S.

Fear of future

LATER, the British, French, and U.S. shareholders would set about securing fresh credits for the German concern on an ordinary business basis. The Germans, too, would be given an opportunity to buy shares in British, French, and U.S. concerns.

I would then quickly move to restore full sovereignty to the German Government. I would give them control of their own foreign policy. We might as well do it now before the Germans extract it from us as they have extracted the end of dismantling by a campaign of violence, calumny and illegality.

I would seek with speed to replace our armies of occupation in Germany by a new German force limited in size to that of the German army established in the Eastern zone by the Russians. It would end the dangerous competition between the Western Powers and the Russians for German good will.

I see little likelihood of anything like this being done. The High Commissioners have been given their joint directives in Paris, and have passed them on to the Germans.

As before, I fear we shall see a pusillanimous policy of go-slow and go-safe followed by headlong flight into extravagant concessions.

(—London Express Service)

The strange power of 'black' magic

FORMER London typist Ruth Williams, "White Queen" of Bechuanaland's Bamangwato tribe, was ill in bed the other day—and the tribesmen said she was bewitched.

She had recovered, and Seretse Khama, her husband, is acclaimed as a great magician.

Odd? Childish? But across Africa faith in the casting of spells still holds.

District officers in the remotest parts will tell you the belief in magic is the greatest bar to the spread of progress.

In Swaziland three headmen have just been sentenced to death for killing a woman to get flesh for "medicine".

In Africa, magic and the casting of spells are part of the whole warp of native life and thinking.

A European had a native "boy," normally cheerful and vigorous who began visibly to lose his spirits and energy. He asked him what was wrong.

"Master," said the "boy," sadly "I must die in seven

days." He had fallen foul of the local medicine man.

His master had him medically examined and assured him he had no illness.

Nevertheless on the seventh day the African died. He had apparently no will to live.

What about this story told by Elsie Huxley in "The Sorcerer's Apprentice"?

Arrested by a European official, an African witch doctor, warned: "That is your power over me. I have a greater power. If you do not release me I will call out six lions to torment you."

Within 48 hours the official awoke in the night to find six lions round his tent. He shot four.

A few days after that he was attacked by six lions in a dry river bed and again shot four.

He had never seen one lion before at close quarters and he never did again.

Don Taylor

(—London Express Service)



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For Prince Charles?



The Queen buys toys at a recent exhibition of work by disabled ex-servicemen in London. Humpty Dumpty seems favoured.—London Express Service.

Talks On New Labour International Today

London, Nov. 27.—Mr William Green, president of the American Federation of Labour, said here today that the proposed new "Free Labour Confederation" would stand as a barrier against Communist infiltration into the democratic trade union movement of the world.

The new organisation is to be established by the "Free Labour Conference" which opens here tomorrow with 232 delegations representing trade union in 55 nations.

Mr Green, who heads the ten-member delegation of the 8,000,000-strong AFL, emphasised that the new organisation would promote the economic, industrial and social welfare of workers of the world. The United States' Congress of Industrial Organizations is also represented together with the United Mine Workers of America.

The Free Labour Confederation, an offshoot of the Communist-dominated World

Final Drive Against P.I. Rebels

Surrender Appeal

Manila, Nov. 28.—Philippine government forces launched a final determined military drive against the Batangas partisans today while local officials worked to obtain their bloodless surrender.

Brig-General Alberto Ranas, chief of the Philippine Constabulary, left for Batangas today to take personal command of government troops which have been fighting political rebels for nine days in the hilly woodlands of Batangas province. General Ranas predicted the government would crush opposition this week if the rebels refused to surrender. President Quirino's terms were unconditional surrender and the President indicated that once the partisans laid down arms he and Congress might consider granting them an amnesty.

The governor of Batangas province, Feliciano Leviste, who has been trying to get a negotiated peace between the government and several hundred dissidents, who were reportedly disgruntled over Mr Quirino's recent election victory, was scheduled to confer again today with the Interior Secretary, Sotero Baluyut, in Manila. Batangas Constabulary officers at first refused to grant Mr Leviste permission to use the Constabulary radio to appeal to the rebels to surrender, but Mr Baluyut later approved the request. It was not known at once whether Mr Leviste was successful in contacting leaders of the partisan band.

On another front, government forces were having a hard fight against Moro outlaws, in the extreme southern part of the Philippines. A delayed report said nine Constabulary men and 14 civilian volunteers were killed last Friday when Moros ambushed a Constabulary weapons truck on Jolo island in the Sulu archipelago. The outlaws seized arms and ammunition. United Press.

Atom Talks To Resume In Washington Today

AMERICAN RELUCTANCE TO SHARE SECRETS WITH UK

Washington, Nov. 27.—American, British and Canadian officials will meet here tomorrow in an attempt to forge again their wartime atomic partnership in the face of angry controversy over the proposed exchange of atomic weapons knowledge.

A Democratic Senator, Mr Edwin Johnson, brought the weapons issue to a head yesterday when he accused the chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Mr David Lilienthal, who has just resigned, of being the spearhead of a "nefarious plot" to reveal "super bomb" secrets to Britain and Canada.

While no other legislator has gone that far, a number of other Congressmen and Senators are known to share Mr Johnson's misgivings. One of the biggest problems facing the three-power conferees will be how to overcome that opposition.

Some American officials hope that Russia's conquest of the atom will help. They say that while there is no great urgency about the talks, the knowledge that Russia has the atom bomb should give them a new "sense of reality".

The United States, Britain and Canada were full partners in the development of the atom bomb which blasted Hiroshima and Nagasaki. They now have only an agreement for strictly limited exchange of atomic information—which ends on December 31.

Britain is understood to be seeking a clause in any new agreement which will give her access to technical information on new and improved American atomic weapons. Such information is now denied to both Britain and Canada.

The present agreement also assures the United States the lion's share of the rich uranium ores of Northern Canada and the Belgian Congo.

Many top United States officials say flatly that the most important step the United States could take toward maintaining atomic supremacy over Russia would be to agree to pool the scientific resources and research findings of the three Western democracies.

SERIOUS DOUBT

There is also serious doubt in many quarters whether Britain already hard-pressed financially, should try to duplicate America's atomic research and production programmes. High officials have said publicly that they will have no alternative unless the United States shares her atomic knowledge.

One possible answer would be to pattern the new agreement after the North Atlantic security alliance, which provides for member nations to produce those weapons for which they are best-equipped. Any such agreement would almost certainly give the United States the prime responsibility for turning out new and improved atomic weapons, with Britain and Canada contributing uranium.

It would not preclude the sharing of technical information with the two allies, but the Truman first suggested the idea of a broader atomic partnership with Britain and Canada at the secret Blair House meeting on July 14. There were immediate protests from some Congressmen, who threatened to fight any such proposal on the Senate floor.

Representatives of the three nations held "exploratory talks" in Washington in September, soon after Mr Truman's announcement of an atomic explosion in Russia.

They were said to have made "substantial progress" toward agreement. The talks were then recessed until November 28 to permit the conferees to report back to their governments. The interval has presumably given them more time to collect new information on the Russian explosion.

FULL REPORT

Soon after the original talks closed, the American Undersecretary of State, Mr James Webb, gave a full report to the Atomic Energy Commission.

There was no reaction from members, leading some to believe that the conferees had reached a "sharing agreement" might have subsided with the knowledge that Russia had an atomic weapon.

Senator William Knowland, the Republican leader, refused to say whether he had changed his mind or would end a "Congressional fight" against such an agreement. American officials say that there is "no prospect" of the conferees drawing up a finished agreement in the brief time remaining before the present pact expires. They say, however, that the present agreement can be extended temporarily. United Press.

Seeks Cure For Polio In India

London, Nov. 27.—A nine-year-old boy, Crombie William, today left London by air with his parents for Bombay, in the hope that an Indian doctor may cure him of infantile paralysis affecting both legs.

Doctors here said that they could do nothing for him. For the past year he has been staying with his grandparents in Ayrshire, Scotland, and his parents, who live in India, came over to fetch him.

The boy's father, who owns a general store in Bombay, said: "I believe that within a month he will be walking again. We are optimistic that he will be totally cured before very long. The warmer climate should help."—Reuter.

Floods Make Thousands Homeless

Rains Lash Italy

Rome, Nov. 27.—An estimated 300,000 persons were reported to be fleeing their homes today in floods that have caused millions of dollars' worth of damage throughout Italy.

There was an immediate estimate of casualties in the heavy rainstorms, but officials said they believed there were some deaths. They said hundreds of thousands of acres of land had been flooded, thousands of cattle drowned, bridges swept away and crops destroyed.

The heaviest damage was reported in the Northern Po Valley area, near Venice and Bologna, and in Central Italy between Rome and Naples. More than 30 rivers and streams overflowed their banks.

TOWN THREATENED

The entire town of San Cesario near Modena was threatened by the flood and more than 10,000 persons were rescued from inundated homes by policemen, firemen and Red Cross squads. Trains had to be suspended on several railway lines because of washed-out bridges. Roads were flooded and closed to automobile traffic at several points.

The Pina authorities said the entire town was in a state of alarm after the river Arno broke through its banks in several places in the city. In Venice, waters of the Lagoon flooded sections of the city and in Cassino the Rapido river flooded thousands of acres of newly-seeded land.—United Press.

CHILDREN RESCUED

London, Nov. 27.—Rome Radio said tonight that about 100 children, marooned for many hours in a hospital near Bergamo San Lorenzo, have been rescued from the floods swirling through the northern Italian provinces of Tuscany and Emilia.

Special squads of rescuers with military and police detachments are being rushed from Florence to the affected areas, where many people narrowly escaped drowning.—Reuter.

VICE-CONSUL RELEASED

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premises which had been closed for a long time, or why they failed to come to the victim's aid. The presence of the interpreter was presumably likewise in accord.

ALLEGED ADMISSIONS

The radio said all eight witnesses testified they saw the victim beaten by five consular officials. The victim said: "I was pushed down the stairs, then punched my left eye. I then lost consciousness."

The radio said that the Japanese, Shiro Tatsumi, testified he joined the beating "on Ward's orders. I caught hold of Chi's arm, but did not kick him. It was F. Clogna who pushed and kicked him." Clogna and R. Rehberg both admitted holding Chi's arm, the radio said.

Ward, who led the assault, admitted he used both hands to drag Chi down the stairs, but then claimed Chi fainted and fell down.

The radio said that the Chinese Communist press heartily approved of the verdict which "serves as a warning to imperialist elements."—United Press.

Police Fire On Rioters

Lagos, Nov. 27.—Police yesterday opened fire, wounding three Africans, at Onitsha in the Eastern provinces of Nigeria after tear gas and baton charges had failed to disperse rioters and looters, it was announced today.

A communique said, "Yesterday morning large crowds attempted to break into shops at Onitsha."

"After using tear smoke and after baton charges the police were compelled to open fire on the rioters. Three were wounded, one seriously."

"Onitsha was quiet during the rest of the day."—Reuter.

TO HELP AT FETE



Two young helpers at tomorrow's HKSPC Fete—Rose and Gloria, twin daughters of Dr Arthur Woo—(King's Studio).

M-AID NATIONS TO SHARE INFORMATION

PLAN TO ATTAIN MAXIMUM INDUSTRIAL EFFICIENCY

Paris, Nov. 27.—The Council of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation announced today that the 18 Marshall Plan nations had arranged a full-scale exchange of scientific and technical knowledge to attain maximum industrial efficiency.

The Council said that the decision was based on a report by a working party of scientists and specialists headed by Dr Alexander King, of Britain.

The party started work on the problem last July. A national centre to receive and despatch documents supplied would be established in each of the Marshall Plan countries.

Reference indices would be kept and all information would be made freely available to the public. The party had instructed the technical information and documents unit of the Board of Trade to collate and distribute each reports, which are expected to reach 20,000 to 30,000 printed pages a year.

Provision had been made for translation and reproduction, subject to the property and copyright laws of the supplying countries.

The party had also asked member nations to submit, before the end of November, lists of possible projects for inclusion in the scheme of research and technical development. The Council of the OEEC had also asked the Economic Co-operation Administration to list all requests received so far from member countries for technical aid.

"A closer integration of Europe's scientific and technical potentialities will result," the report added.—Reuter.

EMERGENCY FOOD FOR COVENTRY

Coventry, Nov. 27.—Emergency food supplies were being poured into the big Midland industrial city of Coventry during the weekend to replace the huge stocks destroyed in a big warehouse fire on Friday night.

Damage estimated at £250,000 was done by the blaze, which was the largest since the Nazi fire raids in 1940-41. Rationed goods brought to the city from London and Manchester were being stored in aircraft hangars.

Fire brigades from nearby towns were called in to help put out the blaze.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. "Hongkong Calling"—Programme Summary: 12.30, "The Richard Tauber Programme" with Richard Tauber, The Moenching Orchestra and Guest, Leda Gossens. (BBC's): 1. Mel Powell (Piano) with Instrumental Accompaniment. 1.15, News, Weather Report and Announcements. (Studio): 1.25, "Music For You": 2. "Circus Ball": 3. "Hongkong Calling"—Programme Summary: 6.00, Children's Hour—Conducted by Jack Phillips (Studio): 6.30, Portuguese Half Hour. (Studio): 7. World News and News Analysis (London Relay): 7.15, Allen Bain and His Orchestra. (Continuous): 7.30, Off the Record. (Studio): 8.00, "The Editor's Mail" (London Relay): 8.10, "Like What I Like"—Presented by Michael McAdam. (Studio): 8.25, "Extraordinary Conduct of Bridge"—An Irish Comedy. By J. L. Galloway. (BBC's): 8.30, Mozart's "Don Giovanni" (Violin and Viola K 504, Albert Sammons (Violin), Lionel Terrell (Viola), with the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Hamilton Harty; 10. Radio Newsworld Report; 10.10, Latin American Music Played by Roca Creole Band; 10.30, "From the Ball": 10.45, Suite—Miracle in the Gorbals; 10.50, Royal Opera House Orchestra. (Studio): 11.00, "Radio Le Mar" (Piano) and His Orchestra with Danny Kaye (Guest Artist); 11.15, Weather Report and World and Home News from Britain. (Recorded Relay): 11.30, Close down.

U.S. Sets Up New Arms Aid Body

Washington, Nov. 27.—The United States Secretary of Defence, Mr Louis Johnson, today announced the creation of a Defence Department Office of Military Assistance to co-ordinate arms aid to Atlantic Pact nations.

Mr Johnson appointed Major-General L.L. Lemnitzer as director and placed the new organisation in his own office. It will be General Lemnitzer's job to co-ordinate the work of all the various branches within the Defence Department in carrying out the mutual defence and assistance act of 1949. Military assistance will be provided to nations which signed the North Atlantic treaty and have asked for arms aid.

Aid will also go to Greece, Turkey, Iran, Korea and the Philippines.

Mr Johnson named General Thomas Handy, commander of the U.S. forces in Europe, to present him on the European Co-ordinating Committee on arms aid, which will meet in London. Other US members include the Ambassador, Mr Lewis Douglas, who is chairman, and Mr W. Averell Harriman, special representative of the President.—United Press.

CAROL CONCERT

The annual Carol Concert of the Hongkong University Christian Association will be held at 9 p.m. on Sunday, December 10, in the Eu Tong Sen Gymnasium. Prof. L. T. Ridge (Vice-Chancellor of the University) will conduct the choir. The accompanist will be Prof. Gordon King. There will also be community singing. All are welcome.

PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS

Copies of photographs taken by the South China Morning Post and Hong Kong Telegraph Staff Photographers are on view in the Morning Post Building.

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Week-End League Cricket:

UNIVERSITY PLAY OUT TIME AGAINST ARMY AT POKFULAM BY "RECORDER"

Army dropped their first three points of the season in the First Division of the Cricket League on Saturday when they were held to a draw by the University at Pokfulam. Army declared at 160 runs for five wickets in 35 overs, University replying with 87 for eight in 33.

At Cox's Road, Recreio beat the KCC on the last ball of the match. There was another draw at Chater Road where the Optimists replied with 108 for four wickets to the Navy's 146 for seven. The Scorpions and RAF had easy victories over IRC and Commandos respectively.

KCC maintained its lead in the Second Division with a 21 run victory over King George V School in a low scoring game. IRC beat Navy by 28 runs and Commandos beat Recreio by 67.

Against the Army, University's batsmen were painfully slow in scoring 87 runs for eight wickets to secure a draw.

Both sides made do without a bowler who could have skittled out the opposition. Army's leg field bowler, Barnett, was not playing and the University did not use C. Koh. To make out for this lapse, Koh played out time, being 18 not out when stumps were drawn.

It is being said lately that Jaysee has aspirations to become a batsman following in the footsteps of Eddie Gumbrell and Alan Sieple. He has made more than one respectable score for a tail-ender this season and has been observed studying the field for gaps to the boundary.

In any case, even if they did not take four points away from the Army, the undergraduates took three and they should now be justly popular. The race for the League Championship, with the RAF just one point behind and the Scorpions four, is now open again.

HOWARD'S DAY

Though Optimists did not succeed in beating the Navy at Chater Road, W. L. Howard (not to be confused with Howard), contributed handsomely to what could have been a victory.

His two wickets in four overs, which cost 25 runs, bowled the Navy's two greatest bats, Westfield and Nation. The bowling may have reminded one of a herd of stampeding cattle but it was effective.

To top things off Howard spent an afternoon sipping some of the worst slings I have seen anyone put his hand out to and contributed 20 runs to the Optimists 100 for four wickets, second highest score of the innings.

Navy lost two valuable wickets for 11 runs, but there was still the legendary Grant of HMS "Concord" to come in and his

innings—or at least the first 53 runs of which I saw—was one of the brightest of the season.

It followed a pattern of dot-dot-dot-four-four and dot-one-two-four-four. Every boundary was visited at one stage or another and the final 81 surpassed his highest score locally against IRC last season.

He is here for another three or four matches, I understand.

NEVER SAY DIE

Recreio were not in a very happy position against their old rivals, the Kowloon Cricket Club, at Cox's Road, and it fell to Nick Beltrac, their wicket-keeper, to hit the winning two off the last ball of the match. Had he been behind the stumps he could well have let it go for a boundary, but he hit what was that

If IRC did not beat the Scorpions at Sookunpo, they turned up in A. R. Abbas' best all-rounder of the match, 7 for 34 and 22 runs. Abbas, if not the type, likely to score a century, has been consistent both this season and last with his 20s and 30s and he is as fine a batsman as has been produced locally.

RAF had too much power for the Commandos at Kai Tak and the Navy's best batsman, Eddie Gumbrell, back among the wickets. However, they wouldn't let him open the batting.

SECOND DIVISION

KCC's strong batting side was all out for 77 against the King George V School and did little damage to the schoolboys' finely bowling analyses.

Though it was generally whistled that the refueling was in for it, his figures have only changed from 14 to 38 to 18 for 0, or just over three runs a wicket

with the most punishing batsmen in the Division away for another round. However, careful KGVs batting was only good for 50 runs.

Commandos, IRC and RAF continued in winning vein against Recreio, Navy and Dockyard respectively.

HOW THEY STAND

First Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
Army	6	5	1	0	21
Scorpions	7	5	1	1	21
RAF	6	5	0	1	20
Recreio	6	4	0	2	16
KCC	6	3	1	2	13
Optimists	6	2	2	2	10
University	6	2	1	3	9
R. Navy	7	2	1	4	9
Commandos	7	1	1	5	5
Craigengower	6	3	3	0	3
IRC	7	0	1	6	1

Second Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
Commandos	6	5	0	1	20
Recreio	6	4	0	2	16
IRC	6	3	0	3	12
KGVs	6	3	0	3	12
R. Navy	5	2	0	3	8
RAF	5	2	0	3	8
University	6	1	1	4	5
Dockyard	5	0	1	4	1

Best Performances In Week-End League Cricket

FIRST DIVISION

Batting	Runs	Wickets
T. Grant (Navy v Optimists) 81		
N. E. Arthy (Optimists v Navy) 59*		
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions v IRC) 56		
G. R. Tomline (Army v HKU) 55*		
F. E. Thornycroft (Army v HKU) 52		
A. Zimmermann (KCC v Recreio) 38		
M. W. Holme (Army v HKU) 31		
L. F. Stokes (Scorpions v IRC) 29		
J. P. O'Driscoll (Scorpions v IRC) 28		
A. R. Abbas (IRC v Scorpions) 35		

Bowling

Runs	Wickets
A. R. Abbas (IRC v Scorpions) 7-34	
E. N. Gumbrell (RAF v Commandos) 5-11	
W. M. Mitchell (Army v HKU) 5-42	
F. Howarth (Scorpions v IRC) 4-25	
R. E. Lee (KCC v Recreio) 4-28	
B. K. Poh (HKU v Army) 3-15	
H. L. Ozorio (Recreio v KCC) 3-18	
G. N. Gozno (Recreio v KCC) 3-20	
R. S. Cull (Scorpions v IRC) 3-34	
F. R. Zimmermann (KCC v Recreio) 3-34	

SECOND DIVISION

Batting	Runs	Wickets
E. C. Dunn (RAF v D'yard) 31		
S. A. Gray (KCC v KGVs) 28*		
Dowling (Commandos v Recreio) 20*		
S. M. Bux (IRC v Navy) 21		
A. K. Markar (IRC v Navy) 21*		
Welch (Commandos v Recreio) 7-11		
X. Motiwala (IRC v Navy) 6-28		
Salter (KGVs v KCC) 4-12		
Hurst (RAF v D'yard) 4-15		
O. J. Dume (KGVs v KCC) 4-22		
Da Venport (RAF v D'yard) 3-12		
D. G. White (KCC v KGVs) 3-9		
A. T. Lee (KCC v KGVs) 3-15		
Maylor (Navy v IRC) 3-17		

Bowling

Runs	Wickets
J. H. Bennett (Army) 20-3	
F. Howarth (Scorpions) 10-5	
A. L. Smith (Optimists) 31-3	
G. N. Gosano (Recreio) 45-6	
R. C. Corfield (Army) 50-2	
A. P. Perera (Recreio) 53-5	
E. N. Lee (KCC) 56-10	
E. N. Gumbrell (RAF) 39-6	
A. R. Abbas (IRC) 44-4	
R. S. Cull (Scorpions) 53-6	
Graves (Commandos) 55-5	
W. M. Mitchell (Army) 43-3	
K. A. Ball (RAF) 42-9	
C. H. T. Pritchard (Optimists) 30-3	
A. R. Minu (IRC) 36-4	
A. Briggs (Commandos) 63-15	
L. White (R. Navy) 67-20	
F. R. Zimmermann (KCC) 50-4	
K. H. Vaughan (RAF) 59-0	
S. M. Tean (University) 62-2	
T. H. Lean (University) 64-2	

Qualification: 100 runs.

BOWLING:

Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
20-3	66	11	0-00	
22-23	34	0-04		
6-102	13	7-84		
6-137	17	8-05		
10-130	10	8-12		
17-123	15	8-20		
16-108	18	9-38		
6-108	10	10-00		
6-155	14	11-07		
6-167	15	11-13		
9-157	14	11-21		
9-136	12	11-33		
9-144	12	12-00		
3-127	10	12-70		
14-243	10	12-78		
15-194	15	12-93		
20-157	12	13-08		
15-135	10	13-50		
6-140	10	14-00		
12-205	14	14-84		
15-177	12	14-75		

Qualification: 10 wickets.

Mister Conquest



FAVOURITES DON'T WIN



Australian Norman Von Nida (right) finished second in the Philippines Open Golf Tournament on the Wack Wack course to Ed "Porky" Oliver of Seattle. Larry Montes (left) of the Philippines was not among the prize-winners. Both were pre-tournament favourites.

Archie Quick Nominates

FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

The man who threatens to be "The Footballer of the Year", voted as such by the Soccer Writers' Association of England and Wales, is Horatio Stratton Carter, the prematurely grey-haired maestro, 35 years young, who is piloting Hull City in their promotion race to the First Division.

Carter, because he plays on Saturdays, after 18 years in the top grade, only draws 12 guineas a week, but his future as a successful manager is being assured. Carter recently told me he has been "lucky" in what he has done just because Sunderland, Derby and Hull have been on top when he has been with them, but I would say it was more than luck—rather the innate skill of the perfect footballer of his generation, for instance.

He stands out as the outstanding player of 1949, not only because of his personal ability, but the skill he has in imparting his knowledge to others. Hatch has won everything—four international schoolboy caps when he was at Hendon School, Sunderland; 13 full international caps for England and 17 more during the war, when he was with the RAF. Cup winner medals with Sunderland and Derby; First Division Championship medal with Sunderland, and a Third Division one with Hull last season.

What does he need to complete the set? A Second Division medal. He has set his heart on it, although very sensibly he believes it is out of the reach of Hull City this winter. After all, with the exception of Jerry Bowler, Irish international from Portsmouth, £20,000. Don Revie who joined Hull this week from

Leicester, the Hull side is still the same one which won them the Third Division Championship last April, and Mr Carter is not so optimistic as to believe that they are ready for the First Division.

READY FOR PROMOTION Hull, however, as a town, is ready for promotion in this Soccer started south-east corner of Yorkshire which they have all to themselves. Nearest first-class clubs are Doncaster, York and Leeds, and over the water, Grimsby, and there are 300,000 people in Hull and another 100,000 just outside, eager to show that Soccer holds their affections more than any other game.

Hull city get more spectators at their reserve matches than the two Rugby League clubs get at their first-team games and are averaging over 40,000 a match.

It is a tribute to the foresight of Messrs Harold, John and George Needler and their six brother directors that this has come about, for Booth Ferry Park was just so much virgin territory when they took it over in 1940 and started their first club with £60,000 capital subscribed in two weeks by its fine stand and full terracing compares favourably with any in the country.

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London, Nov. 27.—Scotland ought to go to Rio de Janeiro for the World Football Championships. That is the view of many officials, international and British, of many players, English as well as Scottish, and of thousands of soccer fans.

But they will not do so unless they beat England at Hampden Park, Glasgow, in April and become the Champions of the United Kingdom section of the World Cup.

That is the hitherto expressed decision of the Scottish Football Association.

England have decided that they go whether they finish first or second in the British Championship, of which they are now assured of doing, but not so the Scots.

There are those who say that the Scots have adopted this attitude on account of the expense, for the cost of sending the winners will be borne by the organisers. The runners-up will have to pay for themselves and it may mean an expenditure of £2,000.

UNDESERVED The Scots have an international reputation for being mean, one should add totally undeserved, but critics are naturally pointing to this and saying that they would not go unless their fees are paid.

Whether finance has in point of fact anything to do with it only the Scottish Football Association officials know, but the impression they have given is that they do not want to go if they have to play second fiddle to England.

The English Football Association do not mind being second-string to their Scottish colleagues, so why should the Scots be so proud?

Already there are some fears as to the sort of game which will be played by England and Scotland when they meet in April to decide if Scotland go to Rio. One can hardly expect it to be a good game up to the usual standard.

CANNOT BE GOOD Too much depends on it from the viewpoint of the Scottish players. Their desire to win is not inevitably abnormal and that cannot be good for them or the game.

It is rather different from the English, who go to Rio anyway but they are not going to let the Scots have a walk-over so they can get to Rio.

This is a matter of prestige for England. They want to play in the World Championships as the British Champions. So they certainly are not going to let Scotland beat them in this match if they can help it. Thus a "needle" match is inevitable.

It is the other hand, the Scottish officials can be persuaded to change their minds it seems that everyone will be pleased. The organisers want the Scots to be there. The English would like them to be, British soccer enthusiasts would like to see both teams go to Rio, South American fans want to see England and Scotland in action and Scottish players themselves well, ask them.—Reuter.

ITALIANS ARRIVING Folkestone, Nov. 27.—Three hundred Italian football fans arrived at Folkestone today on their way to London for Wednesday's international match with England.

Italy's team was also expected by today's midday Channel boat from France, but it was reported here they were travelling by a later train and would arrive in London tonight.

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The touring team were handicapped during the match due to an injury to their inside left, Wahid, who pulled a muscle early in the game.—Reuter.

MADRID BEATS MEXICO Madrid, Nov. 27.—The Real Madrid football team today defeated a Mexican national soccer team by seven goals to one.—Reuter.

ON THE RECORD THE CROWD KEPT TRICKLING AWAY

It is not an unusual sight by any means when hundreds of Chinese spectators at a football match forget the long hour they spent trying to get in to watch a football match or the wind of dollars bills they paid to see it and hurry off to catch the queue for the tram, with another 20 minutes of play still to go.

The rush wasn't as thronged as I have seen it at Carrolline Hill yesterday, but nevertheless, it was on to quite an extent. There wasn't much point to seeing any more slaughter. The Swedes were leading 7-1.

In any case, under the Chinese football fan's system of betting, all wagers had been won or lost midway through the second half. There were some who gave the Combined Chinese a three-nil victory, some who were generous enough to concede them a four-nil victory and some who agreed that Martensson would probably give the Swedes one goal or two.

Chinese do not normally bet on a team to win. They bet on the number of goals scored. By no stretch of the imagination could any one have conceived that these would be as many as eight.

The day before there had been some cheering for Tenucci's able display at centre-half and some of our Chinese friends were even willing to admit that Santos had done fairly at left-half.

However, Hau Yung-sang was still the idol of the defence and though he seemed to be finding the Swedes a tougher proposition than the Koreans, Manlians, Vietnamese, etc., he was still the flashy, spilling fullback.

The Swedes won 2-1 and few, not excluding the non-Chinese, did not agree that the Hongkongers had as much of the game and that but for the penalty goal awarded the Swedes it may have been a draw.

Hongkong's Stanley Matthews (Ho Ying-fun in the local dialect) was outdribbling the opposition and there were loud explosions of "ho yeh" whenever the little chappie played with the taller, heavier Swedes a cat-and-mouse game.

On Sunday sun would shine, the stands would be full, the footballers would come out the winners.

But everyone was sadly mistaken, and everyone did not include the Chinese only. The local football fan has become so used to the soccer standards that are ours that many were of the opinion it was only stale news after a long local season, inability to adjust themselves to cheers in unfamiliar voices or the English weather that had kept the Chinese team from running away with the Olympic soccer title.

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Few will believe it when they read it. It has nothing to do with the Chinese being not robust enough or not fleet enough or not adept enough. It has to do simply with the Continental or to Eric Keen—the remarkable fact that nobody ever bothers to get into a huddle, exchange an observation or two and decide that here are the opposition's weak spots, these are the more likely ones to exploit and we are now going to exploit them.

Some time between the end of the match on Saturday and the beginning of the match on Sunday, the Swedes had changed their scheme or sent it back to an unmarked forward.

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McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Beware of Doubling Unless You're Sure

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

I HAVE often said, and I repeat it again, do not double a contract if you have only one possible chance to defeat it. Bear this in mind especially if your partner has not made a bid, because in that case you must expect to defeat the contract in your own hand. It is a good rule never to double a slam contract unless you have two sure ways to beat it, and never double a less than game contract unless you can defeat it in your own hand.

In today's hand North had what looked like three trump tricks, but that was all he had. East and West had made strong

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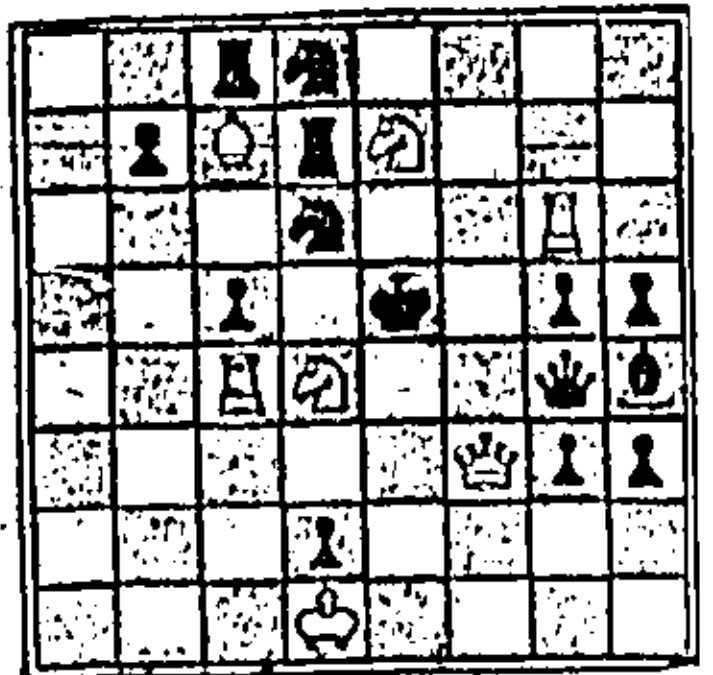
birds. Nevertheless, in the recent national knockout tournament in Chicago, North doubled four diamonds.

The line of play was as follows: North led the nine of clubs, which declarer won in dummy with the ace. The ace of spades and ace king of hearts were cashed, declarer discarding a club and a spade.

Next the king of clubs was played, and a small heart was ruffed by declarer. He cashed his king and queen of spades, then led the jack of spades and ruffed it in dummy with eight diamonds. A small heart was ruffed with the ten. All he could do now was to make two more diamond tricks, so declarer made four diamonds doubled for a plus score of 870 points.

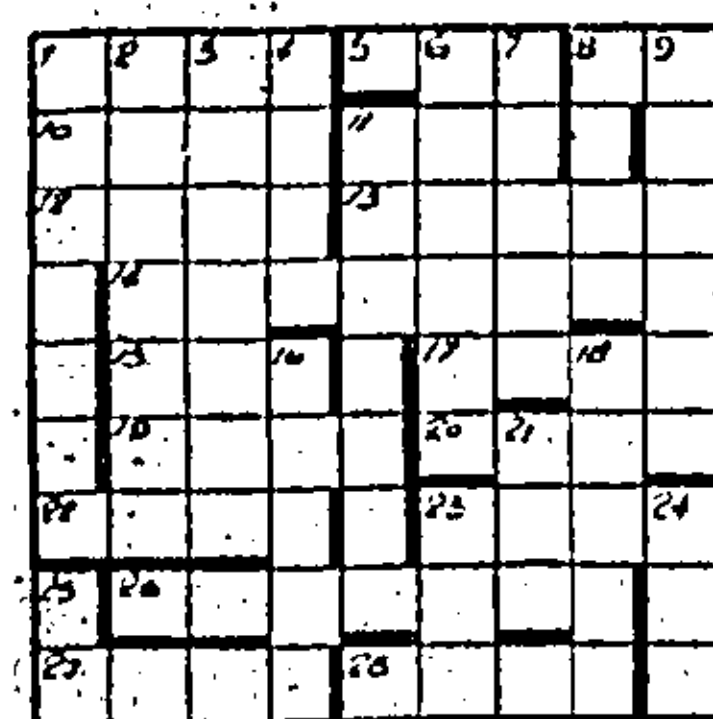
CHESS PROBLEM

By A. BOTTACCHI
Black, 14 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.
Solution to Saturday's problem:
1. Q-Q6, any; 2. Q, or K1 (ch, or d1 ch) mates.

CROSSWORD



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2. A. 12. With 23 Down. (2)
3. A. 13. Indolently like 23 Across. (4)
4. A. 14. See 1 Across. (4)
5. A. 15. In line for traffic. (5)
6. A. 16. Forest and railway terminus in the Liouy peninsula of N. Wales. (10)
7. A. 17. For troubled waters. (3)
8. A. 18. Five short for the verse. (4)
9. A. 19. Slender hero of Burma campaign. (4)
10. A. 20. (Anagram from Cork). (4)
11. A. 21. (Anagram from Cork). (4)
12. A. 22. Devotionally like 10 Across. (4)
13. A. 23. Windy about the middle. (4)
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Defect In Model Trooper

Southampton, Nov. 27.—Britain's model troopship, the 17,362-ton *Empire Orwell*, due to sail to the Middle East on December 10, put back here because of an engine defect after 17 hours on a trial trip.

The vessel was formerly the German liner, *Fretoria*, and was taken over as a prize ship after the war. It took two years and cost about £2,000,000 to convert her.

Among the 200 guests on board were high-ranking War Office, Admiralty and Royal Air Force representatives. She sailed on Friday night and was to have returned tomorrow morning. The engine defect was believed to be due to overheating. A report to be made tomorrow will indicate whether the first voyage on December 10 will be affected.—Reuter.

Sabotage By Czechoslovak Farmers

Prague, Nov. 27.—The Communist press hinted today that sabotage and non-delivery of grain by the peasants had been fairly widespread in Czechoslovakia this year.

The party newspaper, *Rude Pravo*, addressed a blistering editorial to local party organizations whose job it was to get deliveries in, either by persuasion or by stronger measures.

Rude Pravo said the poor showing in many districts was ample evidence that the local Communist authorities were "lax" in their tasks and had not secured co-operation between themselves and the peasants. The paper cited districts where wheat quotas had been under-delivered by more than 50 percent. Potatoes delivered were reported to be almost all in some localities.

Rude Pravo said there were "examples of sabotage" in the village of Kozojedy, in Bohemia, but it did not elaborate on how the sabotage was carried out. It said that at the village of Bukovina, peasants delivered only 25 percent of wheat quotas, 33 percent of oats and 10 percent of potatoes.

The paper accused the kulaks—wealthier peasants—of deliberately withholding deliveries in many cases. It called on the local Communist authorities to take stern measures against peasants and kulaks who did not fulfil quotas.—United Press

Red Women's Conference

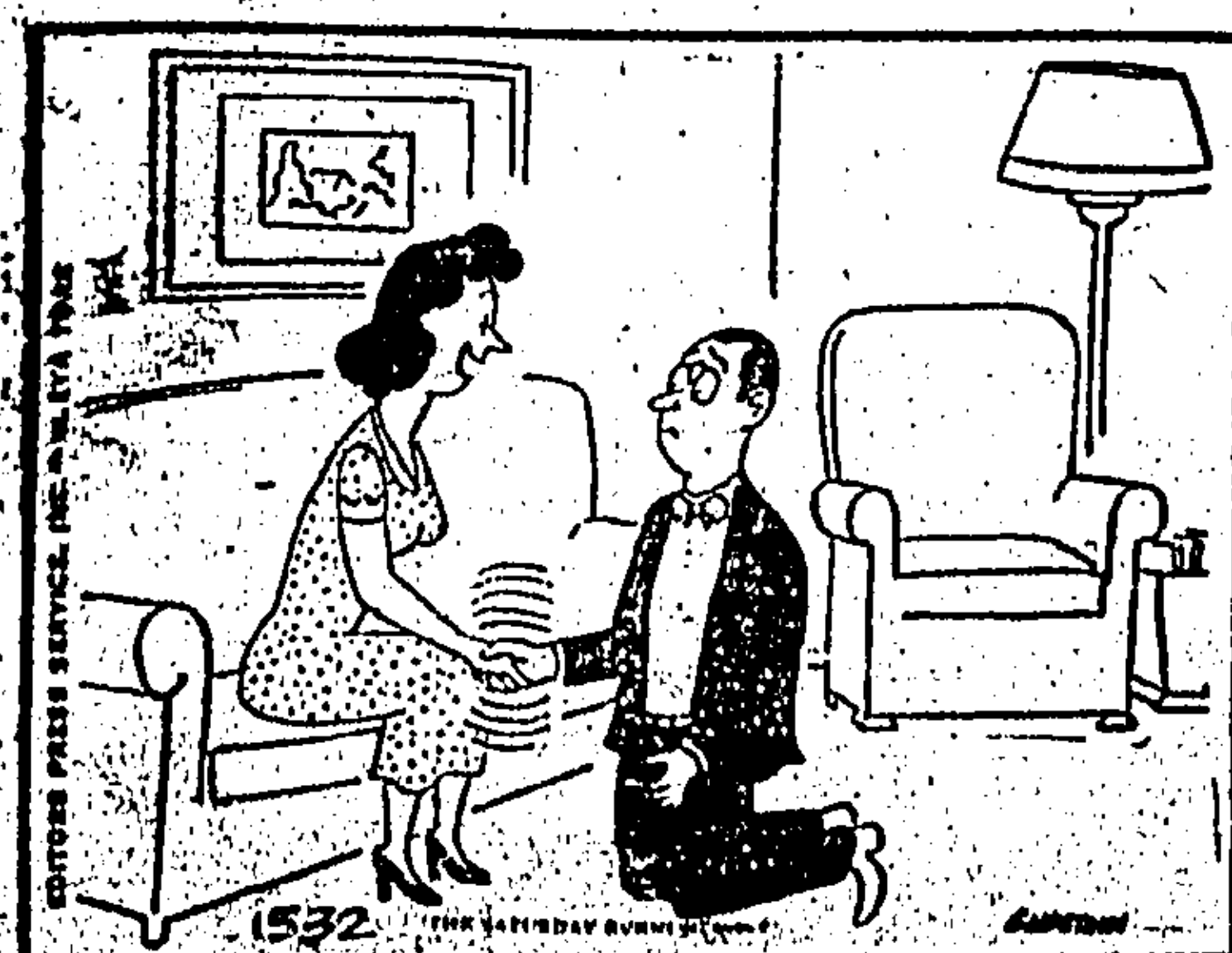
San Francisco, Nov. 27.—The forthcoming session of the Asian Women's Conference in Peking, the Chinese Communist capital, would be a "demonstration of the strength of the struggle of the women of Asia for national liberation and for the defence of the inalienable rights of women and children."

This description of the coming conference came from Simone Bertrand, a delegate to the meeting, who broadcast over Radio Peking. She is a member of the Women's International Democratic Federation Commission on Asia and Africa as well as a member of the National Council of the Union of French Women.

She expressed pleasure that the conference was to assemble in Peking "the heart of the People's Republic of China which has lately inflicted a crushing defeat on the American imperialists and provided the world with a new bulwark for peace."—Reuter.

Shah's Twin Sister

Teheran, Nov. 27.—Princess Ashraf Pahlavi, 30-year-old twin sister of the Shah of Persia, left by air today for Europe. The Queen Mother is due to leave by plane for Paris tomorrow.—Reuter.



Free Trade Unionists Meet In London

London, Nov. 27.—Mr William Green, President of the American Federation of Labour, said here today he believed that a "sound and strong international of free democratic trade unions" would be set up by the delegates from the 55 nations who meet in London tomorrow.

The international meeting, to be attended by nearly 300 trade union leaders representing almost 50,000,000 workers, has been called to establish a new international organisation following the breakaway from the World Federation of Trade Unions.

Important Role For Islam

Karachi, Nov. 27.—Haji Gul Hassan Ben, the Egyptian delegate, declared at the plenary session of the International Islamic Economic Conference here today that "we Moslems can certainly achieve unity more quickly than the United Nations."

The time had come for Moslem countries to play a more important role in world affairs, he said, and he wanted to see the conference become a permanent institution.

He hoped this would result in a free flow of goods among Islamic nations. Moslem countries had a monopoly of certain raw commodities, and modern methods should be used to develop them fully. Those with surplus capital should invest it in their Moslem neighbours.

The President, Mohammed Yakub Khan of Afghanistan, which was on strained terms with Pakistan throughout last year, said that he was optimistic about future relations between Moslem countries.

NOT MERE WORDS

The decisions made at the conference would not be mere words but would be put into practice, he added.

Syed Khutery of Iraq said that the standard of living in Moslem countries was very low, but he felt that apathy in the past had changed to a strong desire for improvement.

"The Islamic peoples will no longer allow any weakness or laziness in the exploitation of their countries' vast resources by their governments," he declared.

These resources were sufficient to build a civilisation comparable with Western civilisation. It should be made clear to the whole world, however, that the conference and the co-operation for which it called did not mark a desire for isolation or aggression against anybody else.

Syed Ali Reza of Saudi Arabia said that though the conference might not show immediate results, there was no other way of securing a better life for the Moslem peoples.—Reuter.

THREATENED EXPULSION

Baghdad, Nov. 27.—Reports of the threatened expulsion from Persia of 2,000 Iraqis, mostly Jews, were received with surprise here today in view of previous good relations between the two countries.

Official quarters declined to comment on the ground that they had no official information.

The Persian Minister in Baghdad conferred for half an hour with Colonel Shahr Awad, Iraqi Acting Foreign Minister.

The Persian Legation said that full information was being sought from Teheran.—Reuter.

It would work in rivalry to the WFTU, which is now Communist dominated.

Both the American Federation of Labour and the Congress of Industrial Organizations have sent representatives to the London conference.

The main objective of the new organisation, Mr Green told a press conference, would be "the promotion of the economic, industrial and social welfare of the workers of the world and as a barrier to Communist and Communist infiltration into the free democratic trade union movements of the world."

The conference will tomorrow consider a draft constitution prepared at a preliminary conference in Geneva last June.

THREE SUBJECTS

Three main subjects appear at the agenda:

1. The relationship of the new confederation with the international trade secretariats—the long established World Federation of Workers in particular industries or trade.

About a dozen of these secretariats are sending delegates, and they seem assured of an important role in the new organisation.

2. The creation of regional organisations subsidiary to the confederation. The American unions already have such a continental organisation, and the United States delegates regard it as a model to which other continents might aspire.

3. General social and economic matters of immediate concern to trade unionists.

JAPANESE DELEGATES

The new organisation is likely to start with an affiliated membership of about 50,000,000. Its sponsors hope that later it may win wider support—for example, the Australian movement, which will not be represented at the conference.

Japanese delegates, representing 5,000,000 workers, will attend. Representatives of exiled unions will be present as observers and will give the conference reports of working conditions in Eastern Europe.

The conference will continue in session until December 9.—Reuter.

MOSCOW BLAST

Moscow, Nov. 27.—The new labour organisation to be formed by American, British and other delegates in London "will constitute first and foremost an organisation of dissidents and strike breakers," the Soviet trade union newspaper, *Trud*, alleged today.

Commenting on the meeting of union delegates which opens tomorrow, the writer said that these "dissidents" were "intending to transfer their anti-democratic practices to the international arena."

"The Congress planned in London has exposed itself already as a direct and obedient tool of American imperialism, a tool of its struggle for world domination and the strangling of the national liberation struggle of the people," he added.

"They are to do their share in the terrorist-subversive activity organised in the countries of the peoples' democracy by the American intelligence service with the assistance of strike breakers," the Soviet trade union newspaper, *Trud*, alleged today.

Their draft charter lacked any mention of the need for "a struggle against Fascism" or for "peace among nations," said *Trud*.—Reuter.

Newswomen On Tour

Stockholm, Nov. 27.—Twenty American women journalists, touring Scandinavian capitals by invitation of an American airline, arrived here today from Helsinki on their way to Copenhagen.

Though they were only passing through—they had already visited Stockholm and had official receptions—Prince Bertil, grandson of King Gustav, adjourned a meeting of the Swedish Amateur Athletic Association, of which he is chairman, to receive the newspaperwomen.

On their way to Sweden and Finland, the party had spent a day in Reykjavik, Iceland. Later the American guests were received by the American-born Countess Bernadotte, formerly Miss Estelle Romane Manville, and widow of Count Folke Bernadotte who was murdered last year while acting as the United Nations mediator in Palestine.—Reuter.

Peck Helps His Wife



In London for the Royal Command film performance, Gregory Peck, the American film actor, helps his wife unpack her dress for the show.

Nigeria In State Of Emergency

Lagos, Nigeria, Nov. 27.—Nigeria, tense today under an official state of emergency, is to have a full public inquiry into an incident at the government-owned Enugu coal mine, which has led to a week of sporadic rioting.

The situation came to a head yesterday when the Governor, Sir John MacPherson, declared a state of emergency throughout the colony and imposed a press censorship in the eastern provinces.

HEAVIEST BLOW TO RUSSIA

New York, Nov. 27.—The Italian luxury liner, *Vulcania*, arrived here today with 1,364 passengers, including Cavendish Cannon, retiring American Ambassador to Yugoslavia, and Renzo Rossellini, brother of film director Roberto.

Cannon termed the break between Marshal Tito and the Soviet Union as the heaviest blow to Russia since the establishment of that Communist nation during World War One.

He said: "Tito has not turned towards the West in a doctrinal sense. Make no mistake about that." But he added that Tito's regime is paying more attention to relations with the West.

He said he saw Tito just before he left Belgrade in Mid-October and he appeared "optimistic". Cannon said he did not expect Tito's rift with the Communists to result in open conflict. He added: "Tito has all sorts of sympathy in other Balkan countries."

Cannon reported that despite rumours of Kremlin-directed plots, Tito's life, measures taken to protect the Yugoslav leader are no more conspicuous now than when he first arrived in Belgrade more than two years ago.

Cannon said he would report to the State Department, and possibly President Truman, this week on US-Yugoslav relations.

Rossellini had no comment on his brother's romance with Ingrid Bergman. Accompanied by his wife, he will go to Hollywood to work on the musical score of the film "Stromboli".—United Press

Macedonian Arrests

Belgrade, Nov. 27.—Greek Communist leaders, seeking scapegoats for their forces' defeat, have started "mass arrests" of Greek Macedonians in Albanian refugee camps, a refugee said here today.

The refugee, Gogo Petrichievski, who escaped to Yugoslavia, Macedonians, claimed, that the arrests were aimed at implicating Marshal Tito.

Greek Macedonians were chosen in the arrests because of their sympathy for Yugoslav Communist leaders, the refugee added.—Reuter.

Rome Likely To Be FAO Headquarters

Washington, Nov. 27.—Rome appeared tonight to be the most likely choice for the permanent headquarters of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation as the delegates to the fifth annual meeting prepared to discuss the issue at tomorrow's plenary session.

Observers estimated the odds in favour of Rome as being five to four. A combination of factors—Italy's soft currency, the absence of any need for capital outlay by the FAO for the acquisition of a site in Rome, and the city's cultural associations—gave the ancient capital, it is believed, a distinct advantage over all other contenders.

Other offers which the delegates have before them have been made by Denmark, Switzerland and the United States. The Danish site is in Copenhagen. Four alternative sites in the Geneva area have been offered by Switzerland. Two sites in the environs of Washington were offered by the United States.

Many non-dollar countries in Europe and Asia, including Britain and France, definitely favour a site in a soft currency country to conserve their hard currency resources.

Tomorrow's plenary session, contrary to earlier expectations, will reopen the question of voting procedure. Last week the General Committee of the conference decided to offer delegates three alternatives to the French proposal which was adopted on Wednesday in the Committee that has been considering the choice of a site.

The French proposal was to give the delegates a choice between a preferred European site and a preferred American site, after preliminary votes to determine the preferences on each continent.—Reuter.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Oslo, Nov. 27.—French, Swiss and Dutch diplomats today attended a service in the Oslo Synagogue in memory of the 77 Jewish refugee children killed on November 20 when a Dutch plane crashed near here.

Representatives of the Dutch Commission investigating the incident and the European Child and Youth League were also present.

The service, which was arranged by the Oslo Jewish community, opened with a funeral hymn in Hebrew.—Reuter.

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Shooting In Colombia

Bogota, Nov. 27.—The government of strike-bound Colombia today ordered a curfew from 7 a.m. following the shooting of Senator Vicente Echandia, brother of former Presidential candidate Dr Darío Echandia.

Dr Echandia, leader of the Liberal Party which decided to boycott today's Presidential elections, was with his brother when the shooting occurred but escaped unhurt.

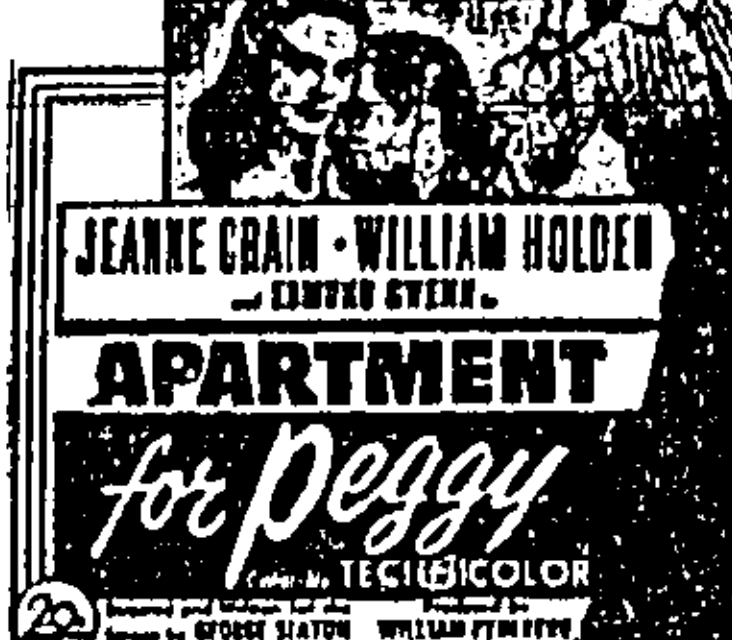
A demonstration followed, but rumours that Dr Echandia had been arrested were denied. Yesterday, the second day of a general strike in Colombia, was quiet except for minor incidents.

There were few vehicles on the streets and no newspapers, except the conservative *El Siglo*.—Reuter.

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